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Labour Force Survey: Special Report

LABOUR FORCE STATUS - STATISTICAL REGIONS

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This special report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Statistical Regions by State. The estimates are from the ABS Labour Force Survey, and are drawn from a representative sample of over 34,000 dwellings. These series have shown historically a high degree of variability which is inherent in data about smaller labour markets.

The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for Statistical Regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, there are no independent population benchmarks at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, but the individual Statistical Regions will show less stability for any estimate than for a similar estimate at the State level. In addition, estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment) are considerably smaller and are subject to higher relative standard errors.

Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates particularly in the month to month movements.

Standard Errors

Standard errors of the original estimates in this report for the States and Australia can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Sylvia Sajler on (06) 252 6525 or from any ABS State office. Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which can detract seriously from their value for most general uses. Where estimates and percentages have relative standard errors greater than 25%, they have been identified by an asterisk (e.g. *1.0) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS BY SEX, FEBRUARY 1996

	Males				Females				Persons			
	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
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NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,588.4	150.5	8.7	73.2	1,183.2	109.8	8.5	52.5	2,771.6	260.4	8.6	62.7
Sydney Major SR	1,018.9	87.7	7.9	74.7	775.4	63.8	7.6	54.4	1,794.2	151.5	7.8	64.3
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	121.8	9.3	7.1	74.2	92.4	7.7	7.7	58.9	214.1	17.0	7.3	66.7
Inner Sydney SR	78.9	6.2	7.2	76.8	61.0	5.5	8.3	62.1	139.8	11.7	7.7	69.6
Eastern Suburbs SR	67.2	4.7	6.5	73.7	52.5	3.2	5.7	56.5	119.7	7.9	6.2	65.0
St. George-Sutherland SR	116.2	4.1	3.4	72.4	93.2	4.4	4.5	57.0	209.4	8.5	3.9	64.6
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	73.6	9.3	11.2	69.6	53.9	5.7	9.5	46.4	127.5	15.0	10.5	57.5
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	133.0	17.2	11.4	76.7	86.6	15.4	15.1	50.3	219.6	32.6	12.9	63.2
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	70.4	12.4	15.0	74.3	43.8	12.0	21.5	47.8	114.2	24.4	17.6	60.7
Central Western Sydney SR	59.0	9.8	14.2	72.7	34.8	5.8	14.4	44.4	93.7	15.6	14.3	58.8
Outer Western Sydney SR	78.8	4.9	5.9	79.5	60.8	5.0	7.6	60.1	139.6	9.9	6.6	69.6
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	103.2	9.6	8.5	81.3	77.2	6.5	7.8	59.0	180.3	16.1	8.2	70.0
Lower Northern Sydney SR	71.5	5.9	7.6	75.2	66.9	* 0.9	* 1.4	58.2	138.4	6.8	4.7	66.2
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	72.1	* 3.5	* 4.6	79.2	52.4	* 2.4	* 4.4	56.0	124.5	5.9	4.5	67.4
Northern Beaches SR	60.0	* 1.9	* 3.0	75.4	54.9	2.2	3.9	55.1	114.9	4.1	3.4	64.1
Gosford-Wyong SR	62.6	7.6	10.8	65.8	49.9	4.5	8.2	48.8	112.5	12.1	9.7	57.1
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	569.6	62.8	9.9	70.6	407.8	46.1	10.2	49.5	977.4	108.9	10.0	59.9
Hunter SR	117.5	18.5	13.6	67.9	87.1	11.4	11.6	47.5	204.6	29.9	12.7	57.6
Newcastle SR Sector	97.3	17.1	15.0	66.5	70.8	11.1	13.5	45.7	168.1	28.2	14.4	55.9
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	143.3	16.2	10.2	69.0	101.9	11.8	10.4	46.8	245.2	28.0	10.3	57.6
Illawarra Statistical Region	90.6	13.3	12.8	68.2	63.0	8.8	12.2	43.9	153.6	22.1	12.6	55.6
Wollongong SR Sector	70.0	9.6	12.1	71.2	44.4	7.3	14.2	43.7	114.5	17.0	12.9	57.0
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	95.9	16.6	14.7	64.6	72.9	9.6	11.7	46.2	168.8	26.2	13.4	55.2
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	134.4	6.9	4.9	77.2	90.9	8.2	8.3	56.0	225.3	15.1	6.3	66.8
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	75.5	* 4.7	* 5.9	78.2	52.8	5.0	8.7	55.8	128.3	9.8	7.1	67.0

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,176.2	130.3	10.0	74.7	882.1	100.1	10.2	53.8	2,058.3	230.4	10.1	64.0
Melbourne Major SR	848.6	97.4	10.3	75.1	655.3	70.4	9.7	55.0	1,503.9	167.8	10.0	64.8
North Western Melbourne SR	67.1	7.1	9.6	76.9	50.1	8.6	14.7	56.0	117.2	15.7	11.8	66.0
Outer Western Melbourne SR	124.8	22.9	15.5	76.1	93.0	14.0	13.1	53.4	217.8	37.0	14.5	64.5
Inner Melbourne SR	55.2	7.5	11.9	72.1	45.3	5.2	10.3	58.2	100.5	12.7	11.2	65.2
North Eastern Melbourne SR	105.2	14.0	11.7	75.6	85.8	8.4	9.0	56.1	191.0	22.4	10.5	65.5
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	116.3	11.9	9.3	73.3	97.5	7.0	6.7	53.3	213.8	18.9	8.1	62.8
Southern Melbourne SR	95.9	7.4	7.2	72.6	80.1	7.4	8.4	55.3	176.1	14.8	7.7	63.5
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	137.6	11.0	7.4	79.7	106.5	7.7	6.7	58.8	244.1	18.7	7.1	69.0
South Eastern Melbourne SR	100.2	9.6	8.7	78.4	64.6	8.3	11.4	55.6	164.8	17.9	9.8	67.4
Mornington Peninsula SR	46.3	6.0	11.5	65.4	32.4	3.7	10.3	44.7	78.6	9.7	11.0	55.0
Balance of Victoria Major SR	327.6	32.9	9.1	73.4	226.8	29.7	11.6	50.8	554.4	62.6	10.1	62.0
Barwon-Western District SR	95.8	7.4	7.1	75.1	62.7	10.7	14.6	51.4	158.5	18.1	10.2	63.0
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	47.0	4.9	9.5	67.9	32.0	* 4.3	* 11.8	46.2	79.0	9.2	10.4	56.9
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	63.5	6.6	9.4	74.0	39.4	4.3	9.8	45.0	102.9	10.9	9.6	59.4
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	66.0	7.2	9.9	75.9	54.9	5.3	8.8	62.4	120.8	12.5	9.4	69.1
All Gippsland SR	55.4	6.8	11.0	72.3	37.8	5.2	12.0	47.6	93.2	12.0	11.4	59.6
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	871.7	93.3	9.7	75.2	642.2	72.2	10.1	54.7	1,513.9	165.5	9.9	64.9
Brisbane Major SR	408.2	37.8	8.5	76.6	309.0	30.4	9.0	56.0	717.2	68.2	8.7	66.1
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	94.7	8.9	8.6	74.0	79.4	5.6	6.6	55.5	174.1	14.5	7.7	64.3
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	122.2	9.8	7.4	76.4	100.5	9.0	8.2	57.5	222.7	18.7	7.8	66.5
South and East BSD Balance SR	76.8	7.6	9.0	79.8	52.2	5.1	8.9	55.3	129.0	12.7	8.9	67.7
North and West BSD Balance SR	114.5	11.5	9.1	77.1	76.8	10.7	12.3	55.1	191.3	22.2	10.4	66.3
Balance of Queensland Major SR	463.5	55.5	10.7	74.1	333.2	41.8	11.2	53.6	796.7	97.4	10.9	63.8
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	91.1	10.5	10.3	72.8	70.9	7.2	9.3	55.8	162.1	17.7	9.9	64.3
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	59.0	6.6	10.0	68.1	45.9	7.4	13.9	48.9	104.9	13.9	11.7	57.9
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	52.4	15.6	22.9	71.8	37.2	6.8	15.4	50.3	89.6	22.3	20.0	61.5
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	63.1	4.8	7.1	74.8	38.0	4.0	9.6	48.5	101.2	8.9	8.1	62.0
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	84.8	8.0	8.6	75.5	56.6	6.7	10.6	54.1	141.4	14.7	9.4	65.1
Northern-North West Statistical Region	53.2	4.6	7.9	77.9	35.5	5.3	13.0	53.5	88.7	9.9	10.0	65.5
Far North Statistical Region	59.9	5.5	8.5	79.5	49.0	4.4	8.2	64.0	108.9	9.9	8.3	71.7

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	369.9	46.8	11.2	72.3	282.6	29.6	9.5	52.3	652.5	76.4	10.5	62.1
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	265.0	37.3	12.3	71.3	212.1	22.7	9.7	52.2	477.1	60.0	11.2	61.5
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	85.3	12.9	13.1	77.6	70.3	6.5	8.5	56.5	155.6	19.4	11.1	66.7
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	44.0	9.5	17.8	62.5	36.8	5.1	12.3	46.9	80.8	14.6	15.3	54.5
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	53.0	5.4	9.3	69.3	43.9	4.9	10.0	52.2	97.0	10.3	9.6	60.3
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	82.7	9.5	10.3	72.1	61.1	6.2	9.2	51.4	143.8	15.7	9.8	61.6
Balance of South Australia Major SR	105.0	9.5	8.3	75.2	70.5	6.9	8.9	52.3	175.5	16.4	8.6	63.9
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	40.6	5.6	12.2	75.4	26.9	3.7	12.0	51.5	67.5	9.3	12.1	63.6
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	64.3	3.9	5.7	75.0	43.6	3.2	6.9	52.8	107.9	7.1	6.2	64.1
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	473.5	45.5	8.8	76.6	354.7	33.4	8.6	56.8	828.2	78.9	8.7	66.7
Perth Major Statistical Region	337.2	34.5	9.3	75.5	264.2	26.9	9.2	56.6	601.4	61.4	9.3	65.8
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	37.8	4.9	11.5	69.8	28.6	2.0	6.6	50.0	66.4	6.9	9.5	59.9
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	55.2	2.6	4.4	76.9	38.6	4.5	10.4	57.3	93.8	7.0	7.0	67.1
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	102.3	11.3	10.0	76.0	79.0	8.5	9.7	57.1	181.3	19.8	9.8	66.4
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	67.1	7.3	9.9	75.7	56.8	4.7	7.7	54.9	123.8	12.1	8.9	64.6
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	74.9	8.3	10.0	76.9	61.2	7.2	10.5	60.6	136.0	15.5	10.2	68.6
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	136.3	11.0	7.5	79.7	90.5	6.6	6.8	57.5	226.8	17.6	7.2	69.1
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	65.5	6.8	9.4	76.5	47.3	4.1	8.0	54.6	112.8	10.9	8.8	65.6
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	70.8	4.2	5.6	83.1	43.2	* 2.4	* 5.4	61.0	114.1	6.7	5.5	73.1
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	117.9	14.4	10.9	73.1	85.2	9.2	9.7	50.4	203.1	23.6	10.4	61.6
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	57.5	7.6	11.7	73.3	43.6	4.6	9.5	51.9	101.1	12.2	10.8	62.3
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	48.5	5.7	10.5	73.3	37.3	3.7	9.1	52.4	85.8	9.4	9.9	62.6
Northern Statistical Region Sector	33.7	3.8	10.2	74.2	25.1	2.3	8.3	52.5	58.7	6.1	9.4	63.2
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	26.8	3.0	10.0	71.4	16.6	2.3	12.4	44.7	43.4	5.3	11.0	58.0
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	44.8	3.6	7.5	76.5	36.0	2.7	6.9	62.7	80.7	6.3	7.2	69.7
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	83.4	7.6	8.3	80.1	72.4	7.5	9.4	67.7	155.9	15.1	8.8	73.8
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,725.9	492.0	9.4	74.3	3,538.4	364.6	9.3	53.9	8,264.3	856.6	9.4	64.0

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